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Amendment

Dear Examiner Dexter:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification: Please delete paragraph [0022] on page 6 and replace it with the following paragraph:

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[0022] Fig. 3 shows a partial view in the form of a section III-III of Fig. 1. The arrangement of the knife 3 in the knife holder housing 14 is shown. The knife 3 is placed with the mounting 8 on shaft 5 and is held by means of a closure 18. The positioning element, constituted as a lug 9 on the shaft 5 and as notches on the mounting 8 and knife 3 serves to determine the position of the cutting edges 4 with respect to the shaft 5 and thus with respect to a detent 10. The detent 10, constituted as a spring-loaded ball or in another manner, engages in latching positions such that the cutting edges 4 always arrive in the correct working position upon rotation of the mounting 8 with the knife 3.

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